

REMARKS

Claims 70-98 are pending in this application.

Claims 70-90 and 93-95 have been canceled without prejudice and claims 91, 92, 96 and 97 have been amended by the present Amendment. Amended claims 91, 92, 96 and 97 do not introduce any new subject matter.

This Amendment is submitted to supplement the Amendment filed on February 14, 2008. In an Advisory Action dated March 3, 2008, the Examiner indicated that he would not enter the February 14, 2008 Amendment because the amendments to claims 70 and 94 raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

By the present Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 70-90 and 93-95 from further consideration in this application, and have amended allowable claims 91 and 92, and 96 and 97 to rewrite same in independent form including all of the limitations of base claims 70 and 94, respectively, and the intervening claims. Applicants are not conceding in this application that the claims as previously presented are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 70-90 and 93-95 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No.

4,600,273 ("Ohno").

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicants' Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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